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Ms. Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, 12th Floor
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**Re: Business Escalation Agreement between Qwest and
Verizon Business Network Services, Inc.
Case No. PU-07-208**

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

On May 24, 2007, pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act, Qwest Corporation filed the referenced Business Escalation Agreement (the "Agreement") between Qwest Services Corporation and its Affiliates, including Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), and Verizon Business Network Services, Inc. and its affiliates MCI Communications Services, Inc. and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC ("Verizon").

Qwest filed this Agreement on the basis of its understanding that the escalation procedures applied to the services provided under interconnection agreements between the parties. After such filing, it became evident that the intended scope of the Agreement was not to cover interconnection agreement services.

Thus, Qwest and Verizon have entered into an amended Business Escalation Agreement to clearly reflect that the escalation procedures set forth in the agreement do not apply to issues or disputes (i) arising under any interconnection agreements between the parties or (ii) to any services provided by Qwest to MCI pursuant to the requirements of Section 251 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, or any services provided pursuant to an interconnection agreement. The parties specifically acknowledge and agree that the agreement is not intended to amend any of the parties' existing interconnection agreements.

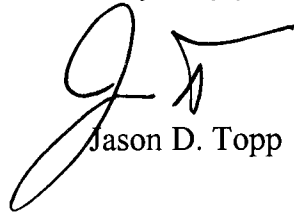
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Therefore, Qwest respectfully withdraws the Business Escalation Agreement between Qwest and Verizon.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JD Topp", written over the printed name.

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Enclosure

cc: Thomas F. Dixon
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